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REUTER -- IAN MCKENZIE FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE DECLARED TONIGHT, AFTER OPENING  
TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS, THAT THE AIM OF THE CARTER  
ADMINISTRATION WAS FULL DIPLOMATIC TIES WITH CHINA."

OTHER POINTS:

-- HUANG REMINDED VANCE INDIRECTLY THAT TAIWAN WAS "MAIN  
STUMBLING BLOCK" AND US WOULD HAVE TO SEVER DIPLOMATIC  
AND MILITARY TIES WITH TAIWAN.

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--VANCE STATED THAT SINO-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP CONTRIBUTED  
TO PEACE IN ASIA AND WORLD AND THAT U.S. POLICY WOULD CON-  
TINUE TO BE GUIDED BY SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE.

--VANCE GAVE HUANG AN OVERALL VIEW OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

--TAIWAN WOULD BE DEALT WITH AS BILATERAL TOPIC.

--IN REFERENCE TO U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM SOUTH KOREA,  
HODDING CARTER SAID THERE HAD BEEN "A FULL EXPOSITION OF

OUR POLICIES IN THE AREAS WE TALKED ABOUT."

UPI -- JIM ANDERSON FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE REVIEWED U.S. FOREIGN POLICY IN HIS FIRST DAY OF TALKS WITH CHINESE LEADERS MONDAY BUT FAILED TO REACH THE CRITICAL ISSUES OF TAIWAN AND THE FUTURE OF PEKING-WASHINGTON RELATIONS."

OTHER POINTS:

--FIRST MEETING WAS MONOLOGUE BY VANCE; TUESDAY VANCE TO CONTINUE EXPOSITION OF U.S. POLICY IN ASIA AND EUROPE.

--NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS PROBABLY WILL BE DISCUSSED ON WEDNESDAY. -

--MASS DEMONSTRATIONS CELEBRATED END OF 11TH CONGRESS.

--IN TOAST FONMIN HUANG REFERRED TO SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND AVOIDED EMBARRASSMENT TO SECSTATE BY MERELY REFERRING TO HUA'S SPEECH TO 11TH CONGRESS.  
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--VANCE REPLIED THAT NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS IS GOAL OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION. HE ACKNOWLEDGED DIFFERENCES, BUT HOPED TO DEEPEN MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING.

--NO MEETING YET SCHEDULED WITH PREMIER HUA.

AP -- BARRY SCHWEID FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE, RENEWING HIGH-LEVEL TALKS WITH CHINA AFTER TWO-YEAR HIATUS, ASSURED HIS CHINESE HOSTS MONDAY THAT PRESIDENT CARTER VIEWS RELATIONS WITH PEKING AS "A CENTRAL ELEMENT" IN U.S. FOREIGN POLICY.

OTHER POINTS:

VANCE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT WASHINGTON AND PEKING HAVE "DIFFERENT RESPECTIVES." HUANG HUA SAID "THERE ARE NOW STILL PROBLEMS IN THE RELATIONS BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES."

--PRINCIPAL OBSTACLE TO U.S.-CHINESE CONCILIATION IS AMERICAN TIES WITH TAIWAN.

--SHORTLY BEFORE VANCE'S ARRIVAL, CHINESE SIGNALLED THEY REMAIN ADAMANT IN DEMANDING END TO U.S. RELATIONS WITH TAIWAN.

--AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAID VANCE HOPES PERSUADE PEKING THAT CLOSER RELATIONSHIP CAN BE BUILT ON BASIS OF COMMON POLITICAL INTERESTS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF WORLD -- PARTICULARLY

SHARED CONCERN OVER SPREAD OF SOVIET INFLUENCE,

--AMERICAN SPOKESMAN SAID OPENING AMOUNTED TO "MONOLOGUE"  
BY VANCE ABOUT U.S. POLICY IN EUROPE, ASIA AND THE MIDDLE  
EAST.  
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LA TIMES -- LINDA MATTHEWS FROM PEKING

LEAD: "SECRETARY OF STATE CYRUS R. VANCE WAS TO ARRIVE HERE  
TODAY ON A LOW PROFILE MISSION DESIGNED TO RESTART STALLED  
NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH CHINA".

OTHER POINTS:

--STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS HAVE WARNED TALKS UNLIKELY TO  
PRODUCE BREAKTHROUGHS TOWARD NORMALIZATION.

--THIS TRUE BECAUSE TWO SIDES UNABLE TO FIND COMMON GROUND  
ON FUTURE SECURITY OF TAIWAN.

--CARTER ADMINISTRATION SEEMS WILLING MEET CHINESE DEMANDS  
THAT US ABROGATE DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN, SEVER DIP-  
LOMATIC RELATIONS AND PULL OUT TROOPS BUT NOT WITHOUT  
ASSURANCE MAINLAND WOULD NOT ATTACK TAIWAN. CHINESE BALK  
AT THIS.

--SENIOR STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS DOUBT PEKING WILL EVER  
EXPLICITLY DISAVOW USE OF FORCE AGAINST TAIWAN.

--SAME OFFICIALS BELIEVE CHINESE MIGHT TOLERATE DECLARATION  
BY US THAT TAIWAN ISSUE SHOULD BE SETTLED WITHOUT ARMS.

--OTHER OFFICIALS SAY US MIGHT BE ABLE GET PEKING'S  
UNDERSTANDING THAT US WOULD CONTINUE SELL ARMS TO TAIWAN.

--REPORTS FROM WASHINGTON SAY CARTER INSTRUCTED VANCE TO  
INFORM CHINESE OF OPPOSITION IN CONGRESS IF TAIWAN DEFENSE  
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TREATY CANCELLED WITH CONCESSIONS FROM CHINA.

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ABC -- PETER JENNINGS FROM PEKING

"SECSTATE VANCE ARRIVED HERE IN PEKING TODAY FOR  
THE FIRST MEETINGS BETWEEN THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION AND

THE NEW LEADERSHIP IN CHINA. IT WAS A QUIET ARRIVAL AT PEKING AIRPORT, WHERE MR. VANCE WAS MET BY HIS OPPOSITE NUMBER CHINESE FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA. MR. HUA, WHO HAS LIVED IN CANADA AND THE US, IS ONE OF THE FEW TOP CHINESE TO HAVE A FIRST HAND APPRECIATION OF HOW AMERICANS LIVE AND THINK. THERE ARE FEW COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD WHERE SYMBOLS OR DEMONSTRATIONS ARE SO WIDELY USED TO MAKE POLITICAL POINTS. OLD CHINA HANDS SAW LITTLE OF SIGNIFICANCE AT THE AIRPORT, BUT TWENTY MINUTES AWAY IN DOWNTOWN PEKING THE MESSAGE WAS EMINENTLY CLEAR. THE MESSAGE WAS NOT SPECIFICALLY FOR MR. VANCE, THOUGH HE MAY HAVE TAKEN HEART AT WHAT HE SAW: TENS OF THOUSANDS OF CHINESE DEMONSTRATING ON BEHALF OF THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP, WHICH WAS FORMALLY CONFIRMED IN OFFICE JUST BEFORE MR. VANCE LEFT WASHINGTON, A DEMONSTRATION, OUR CHINESE HOSTS POINT OUT VIGOROUSLY, WHICH MARKS AN END TO RADICALISM IN CHINA AND AN END TO THE 11-YEAR LONG CULTURAL REVOLUTION. ALONGSIDE THE INEVITABLE PORTRAITS OF THE LATE MAO TSE-TUNG, IS THE PICTURE OF CHINA'S NEW CHAIRMAN, HUA KUO-FENG. IT IS HUA AND HIS NEW PARTNERS IN THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP WHO, WE ARE TOLD, WILL LEAD CHINA IN A NEW DIRECTION TOWARD PRODUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT. IF THE AMERICAN WATCHWORD IS 'EXPLORATORY' THEN THE WORD FOR THE CHINESE ATTITUDE IS PRAGMATIC. THE DEMONSTRATIONS HERE TODAY HEIGHTEN THE SENSE OF CHANGE, DRAMATIC POLITICAL CHANGE WHICH HAS OCCURRED IN THE PAST FEW MONTHS. NONETHELESS, THE BASIC FACTS OF LIFE IN CHINA HAVE NOT CHANGED"

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CBS -- BERNARD KALB FROM PEKING

THE WELCOME AT PEKING AIRPORT, AS EXPECTED, WAS STARKLY CORRECT -- NO CROWDS, NO CHEERS -- SYMBOLIZING CHINA'S FRUSTRATION AND IMPATIENCE WITH THE U.S. FOR REFUSING TO CUT ITS TIES WITH TAIWAN. AND JUST BEFORE SECRETARY VANCE ARRIVED, THE CHINESE RELEASED THE TEXT OF A STATEMENT BY HUA KUO-FENG THAT THE CHINESE ARE STILL DETERMINED TO LIBERATE TAIWAN. ON HAND TO GREET THE SECRETARY WAS HIS COUNTERPART, FONMIN HUANG HUA. HE USED TO BE CHINESE AMBASSADOR AT THE UNITED NATIONS. DURING HIS FOUR DAYS IN PEKING VANCE WILL ENGAGE IN SOME EXTRA SENSITIVE DIPLOMACY IN TRYING TO FIND A FORMULA TO SOLVE THE TAIWAN PROBLEM AND ACHIEVE FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES. THE CHINESE DEMAND THAT THE U.S. ABROGATE ITS DEFENSE TREATY WITH TAIWAN. THE TIMING OF THE VANCE VISIT IS SEEN BY U.S. OFFICIALS AS AN UNEXPECTED PLUS. THE CONCLUSION OF THE 11TH CONGRESS OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY IS NOW BEING CELEBRATED BY THE (INAUDIBLE) SPONTANEOUS CROWDS IN THE STREETS OF PEKING. THAT CONGRESS REAFFIRMED THE LEADERSHIP OF CHAIRMAN HUA KUO-FENG, THE SUCCESSOR TO CHAIRMAN MAO TSE-TUNG. IT

ALSO ENDORSED CHINA'S NEW EMPHASIS ON HARD-HEADED PRAGMATISM OVER REVOLUTIONARY IDEOLOGY. THIS MEANS THAT CHINA MAY BE LOOKING FOR FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY AND THE CHINESE ARE EXPECTED TO DO SOME OF THEIR SHOPPING IN THE U.S. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS NOW A POSITIVE BACKDROP FOR THE VANCE TALKS WITH THE CHINESE, EVEN BEYOND THEIR MUTUAL SUSPICION OF THE SOVIET UNION. THE QUESTION IS WHETHER THE TWO SIDES WILL SUCCEED OR FAIL IN FINDING A WAY TO REGAIN THE LOST MOMENTUM IN THE SINO-AMERICAN CONNECTION."

NBC -- JACK REYNOLDS FROM PEKING  
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"THE FIRST DAY OF MR. VANCE'S VISIT COINCIDED WITH THE LAST DAY OF CHINA'S MASSIVE CELEBRATIONS OVER THE CONCLUSION OF THE 11TH PARTY CONGRESS. PEOPLE HERE ARE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED WITH THE RESULTS OF THAT CONGRESS WHICH GAVE THE COUNTRY A LEADERSHIP WHICH IS EXPECTED TO STRESS MODERNIZATION AND MODERATION. EACH DAY SINCE THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONGRESS ALMOST A MILLION PEOPLE HAVE MARCHED THROUGH THE STREETS OF PEKING PAST THIS HISTORIC SQUARE. THE SAME KINDS OF RALLIES ARE TAKING PLACE ALL OVER THE COUNTRY. ON THE TRIP IN FROM THE AIRPORT MR. VANCE'S MOTORCADE DROVE PAST THESE CELEBRATIONS. THERE SEEMS TO BE MORE THAN SIMPLE COINCIDENCE IN THAT FACT. THE CHINESE FEEL THAT AMERICAN INSISTENCE ON A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE TAIWAN PROBLEM IS A VIOLATION OF THEIR NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE FACE OF WHAT THEY CONSIDER A DOMESTIC PROBLEM. THESE CROWDS CANNOT HELP BUT EMPHASIZE TO THE AMERICAN DELEGATION THAT THE NEW CHINESE LEADERSHIP HAS THE ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT OF ITS PEOPLE ON THE KEY EMOTIONAL ISSUE OF TAIWAN."

FYI

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARY MCGRORY PIECE IN WASHSTAR AUGUST 22. QUOTE

JIMMY CARTER DOES RUN OFF AT THE MOUTH EVERY NOW AND THEN.

LIKE THE OTHER DAY, WHEN HE STOOD UP IN THE OVAL OFFICE AND TOLD HENRY KISSINGER, THE FORMER SECRETARY OF STATE, THAT HE HAD TELEPHONED FORMER PRESIDENT FORD THAT VERY MORNING TO ASSURE HIM THAT THERE IS AN "ABSOLUTE CONTINUUM OF WHAT YOU AND HE STARTED IN THE MIDDLE EAST, SOUTHERN

AFRICA, PANAMA AND CHINA.

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FOR THOSE WHO VOTED IN NOVEMBER FOR AN ABSOLUTE DIS-  
CONTINUUM OF THE FORD-KISSINGER FOREIGN POLICY, IT WAS TO  
SHUDDER.

AT HIS BRIEFING LATER IN THE DAY, JODY POWELL, THE WHITE  
HOUSE PRESS SECRETARY, WAS PRESSED ON THE LITERAL TRUTH  
OF THE STATEMENT.

WAS THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION REALLY CARRYING OUT THE  
KISSINGER POLICY IN SOUTHERN AFRICA, WHICH WAS, UNTIL HIS  
ELEVENTH HOUR IN OFFICE, BASED ON HIS CELEBRATED HANG-UP  
ABOUT "LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS?"

MR. POWELL FROWNED AND FINALLY SAID "AS FAR AS THE  
QUESTION OF WHETHER THEY STARTED AS EARLY AS THEY SHOULD  
HAVE, THERE IS NOT A DAMNED THING WE CAN DO ABOUT THAT."

WHAT THE CARTER OVERSTATEMENT STATED ONCE AGAIN IS THAT  
THE PRESIDENT WILL SAY ANYTHING NECESSARY FOR AN IMMEDIATE  
ADVANTAGE. HE IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE PANAMA CANAL TREATY,  
WHICH IS IN GRAVE TROUBLE. HE NEEDS THE HELP OF THE REPUB-  
LICANS. ACTUALLY, HE NEEDS RONALD REAGAN MORE THAN ANYONE  
ELSE, BUT MR. REAGAN IS NOT AVAILABLE. SO HE WENT ALL OUT  
FOR MR. FORD AND MR. KISSINGER, FIGURING PROBABLY TO CLEAN  
UP HIS QUOTES LATER.

HENRY KISSINGER HAS BEEN HANGING AROUND WASHINGTON FOR  
JUST SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY. HE BELIEVES IN AN "ABSOLUTE CON-  
TINUUM" OF THE KISSINGER-FORD POLICIES, ESPECIALLY, THE  
WHITE HOUSE BELIEVES, IN PERSONNEL. HE WOULD HAVE BEEN  
PERFECTLY WILLING TO BE A PERMANENT SECRETARY OF STATE.

IN THE DRIVEWAY LATER, WITH THE FAMILIAR THICKET OF MICRO-  
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PHONES THRUST INTO HIS FACE AND THE CAMERAS WHIRRING, HE  
WAS ENJOYING HIS RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE SUN.

HE HAS, SINCE HIS UNWELCOME RETIREMENT, BEEN MAKING CRITI-  
CAL STATEMENTS ABOUT MR. CARTER'S POSITIONS ON EUROCOMMU-  
NISM, REPARATIONS ON VIETNAM AND OTHER SUBJECTS.

BUT WITH THE COMPLACENCY IN THE FACE OF CONTRADICTION  
THAT WAS ONE OF THE HALLMARKS OF HIS LONG STEWARDSHIP, HE  
MURMERED, "I HAVE ALWAYS THOUGHT OF FOREIGN POLICY AS BI-  
PARTISAN."

THERE IS STILL SOME DISPUTE AS TO HOW DIFFERENT THE SUB-  
STANCE OF AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY HAS BECOME IN THE "NEW

SPIRIT" ADMINISTRATION. ALAS, THE KISSINGER METHOD IS  
BEING FOLLOWED BY CYRUS R. VANCE, A SECRETARY OF STATE NOT

EQUIPPED FOR THE RAZZLE-DAZZLE, ONE-MAN SHOW STYLE OF HIS PREDECESSOR. AGAIN WE HAVE A SECRETARY OF STATE WHO APPEARS TO HAVE NO HOME.

UPON HIS APPOINTMENT, MR. VANCE ANNOUNCED A WHOLLY LAUD-ABLE INTENTION TO SPEND SOME TIME IN WASHINGTON, THINKING, INSTEAD OF RACING AROUND THE GLOBE AS IF THERE WERE NOT A SINGLE AMERICAN DIPLOMAT DEPLOYED ANYWHERE.

FIRST HE WENT TO MOSCOW FOR STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS AND PRACTICALLY GOT ESCORTED TO THE BORDER BY THE SOVIET POLICE ONCE THEY GOT A LOOK AT THE UNITED STATES PROPOSAL.

HE GOT BACK A FEW DAYS AGO FROM THE MIDDLE EAST, IN AN ECHO OF "SHUTTLE DIPLOMACY," WHICH HAD THE SAME RESULTS-- NAMELY, NOTHING.

HE WAS THOROUGHLY ROUGHED UP AT AN OFFICIAL DINNER BY UNCLASSIFIED

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MENAHEN BEGIN, ISRAEL'S PRIME MINISTER. MR BEGIN, WHOSE TASTE DOES NOT BEGIN TO APPROXIMATE HIS INTRANSIGENCE, CHOSE THE OCCASION TO LAUNCH A PARTICULARLY VIRULENT ATTACK ON THE PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION.

"THAT ORGANIZATION, THE PHILOSOPHY OF WHICH IS BASED ON AN ARABIC "MEIN KAMPF," IS NO PARTNER...AND NEVER WILL BE A PARTNER...TO ANY TALKS," HE SAID, SUGGESTING STRONGLY THAT HIS GUEST OF HONOR WAS TRYING TO PUSH HIM INTO TRAFFIC WITH THE DEVIL.

MR. VANCE HAD CERTAINLY NOT TRAVELED SEVERAL THOUSAND MILES TO HEAR THAT SORT OF TALK. AND HE DIDN'T NEED TO. MR. BEGIN HAD SAID THE SAME THING TO JIMMY CARTER IN THE OVAL OFFICE JUST WEEKS BEFORE.

WHY DID HE GO? HENRY KISSINGER INFORMED MR. VANCE, WITH HIS UNFAILING CERTITUDE, THAT THE LEADERS OF THE MIDDLE EAST EXPECT HOUSE CALLS.

MR. VANCE HAD HARDLY GOT HIS SHIRTS BACK FROM THE LAUNDRY WHEN IT WAS "WHEELS UP" AGAIN. THIS TIME ITS CHINA, AND THE PROSPECTS FOR COMING BACK WITH ANYTHING MORE THAN SOUVENIRS AND JET LAG ARE EQUALLY DIM.

THE PROBLEM IS TAIWAN. CHINA HAS MADE IT PLAIN THAT A GREAT LEAP FORWARD IN RELATIONS IS POSSIBLE, ONCE THAT STONE IN ITS SHOE IS REMOVED. CHINA WANTS US TO ABANDON TAIWAN.

ON THIS EXPLOSIVE QUESTION. NOR IS IT LIKELY THAT IF HE

HAD DECIDED TO LET TAIWAN GO, HE WOULD WANT TO SAY SO,  
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PARTICULARLY AT A MOMENT WHEN HE IS EMBROILED WITH THE  
RIGHT WING OVER PANAMA.

MR. VANCE DOESN'T NEED TO GO THROUGH FOUR TIME ZONES TO  
FIND OUT HOW THE CHINESE FEEL ABOUT THE QUESTION. LET'S  
JUST HOPE THE POOR MAN DOESN'T GET TOLD IN THE GREAT HALL  
OF THE PEOPLE THAT UNLESS JIMMY CARTER IS READY TO FACE  
RIGHT-WING CHARGES THAT HE "LOST TAIWAN," NOTHING WILL  
CHANGE.

PROBABLY THE BIGGEST FAVOR ANYONE COULD DO THE SECRETARY  
OF STATE WOULD BE TO LET THE AIR OUT OF THE TIRES OF HIS  
BIG AIR FORCE JET UNTIL HE KNOWS EXACTLY WHERE HE'S GOING -  
AND WHY. END QUOTE.

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